Goa, facilities at te local airport are intended to be expanded and upgraded. There is, however, no avoida able congestion because of chartered nights as Director General of Civii Aviation allots suitable time slots for the chartered flights.

(c) and (d) At present, National Airports Authority has no plan for expansion of Belgaum airport.

Aircraft used by Indian Airlines

1569. DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Min ister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 737 bee ings with the Indian Airlines which are more than 15 years old;

(b) what is the life span of each aircraft with the Indian Airlines.

(c) whether these aircrafts are not being overused, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when these aircrafts will be phased out?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines have 10 B.737 aircraft which are more than 15 years old.

(b) to (d) While Indian Airlines has not prescribed any specific life span for its aircraft, which can be operated as long as they are certified as airworthy, it has adopted a fleet renewal plan which envisages phasing out of more than 20 year old aircraft as a first step, aircraft between the age of 16 to 19 years are to be phased out during 1995-2000 and those between 14 to 16 years beyond the year 2000.

Providing- Security Guards on Dom. estic Flights

1570 SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Govern-: ment to keep armed security guards ; on ail domestic nights of Indian Airlines in order to check hijacking;

(b) if not what are the reasons for not providing armed security;

(c) whether the crew will also be provided with licenced weapons; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AV1A-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU- LAM NABI AZAD); (a) to (d) It has been decided to set-up a multi-disciplinary Group of experts to review comprehensively the existing anti-hijacking and anti-sabotage measures with a view to strengthen- ing them. The Group will consider all relevant factors concerning avia tion security.

Loss due to crash of Indian Airlines plane on 26th April, 1993

1571. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total estimated loss due to crash of Indian Airlines plane;

(b) what is the amount of this loss that will be made good by the Insurance Companies;

(c) what amount of compensation will be paid to the kind of the dead and to the injured; and

(d) what is the number of ageing boeing aircrafts which would be grounded to avoid such accident in future and the details thereof?